Advertisement Department of Environmental Management Agricultural Land Leases

LP Bid # 127

The Department of Administration/Division of Central Services, on behalf of the Department of Environmental Management, is soliciting lease bids for farming on a parcel of State Land:

The Bid parcel is described as follows:

LP# 127: Sapowet Management Area, consisting of 36 tillable acres, located on Sapowet Avenue in Tiverton, RI.

The parcel will be leased for the purpose of raising and harvesting agricultural products and may not be used for any other purpose, subject to the terms and conditions specified by the RIDEM - Division of Fish and Wildlife.

The general conditions for each lease are as follows:

- a. Parcels are to be managed to grow annual row crops consisting of corn, potatoes or other vegetables. The successful bidder will be required to plant and/or leave standing a small portion of the principal crop (corn) for wildlife habitat. The farmer will also be required to plant a cover crop of winter rye, immediately following harvest of the principal crop.
- b. No turf grass (sod farming) is permitted on the premises.
- c. Lessee shall apply lime and fertilizer in accordance with best management practices.
- d. The Lessee shall comply with all regulations of the Rhode Island Pesticide Control Act of 1976.
- e. The Lessee will be required to enter into a standard written lease agreement with the State and provide evidence of insurance as required by the State Properties Committee.
- f. Bids will be awarded for a five (5) years, with a five (5) year option to renew.

Bids will be received by the State of Rhode Island, Department of Administration, Division of Purchases, One Capital Hill, Providence, RI 02908 until January 25, 2008 at 10:00 AM at which time they will be publicly acknowledged only.

Bid Proposal forms may be obtained by contacting Mr. Brian Tefft of the Department of Environmental Management - Division of Fish and Wildlife at (401) 789-0281.

Questions can be forwarded to Mr. Brian Tefft at (401) 789-0281. The State of Rhode Island reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids. Bid surety is not required.

Sapowet Management Area, Tiverton, RI Agricultural Lease 2007





